

Appl. No. 10/777,204
Amdt dated April 18, 2006
Reply to Office action of February 22, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action, claims 4-7 and 11-13 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. s.103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,762,145 (Combs) in view of German Patent Reference DE3730797 (Siegel).

Claims 8-10 and 14-19 were indicated as allowed by the Examiner.

Remarks Regarding Amendments

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 4-7 and 11-13 are cancelled.

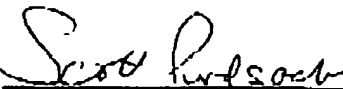
Remarks Regarding S. 103(a) Claim Rejections

Claims 4-7 and 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. s.103(a) as being obvious in view of Combs in combination with Siegel. Applicant makes no admission that the claimed subject-matter is obvious as alleged by the Examiner, but submits that the rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejections moot.

In view of all the above, Applicant respectfully submits that no rejected claims remain pending in the application, and that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If additional fees are required, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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